

The landscaping of residences is normally quite informal. The spring season is prolific with blooming azaleas of many bright hues. The dogwoods burst forth in gay splendor, while the wisteria vines accent in pastel violets. At other times of the year the hollies send out their red berries, magnolia trees with huge white flowers and the traditional pine cones fall to the ground.

Summer lawns and winter rye grass yards are green in some cases throughout the year. There is a beautiful contrast in greenery viewed from the air. The light greens of the golf courses and the deeper chroma of pine needles in the fox hunt country and the tree farm woodlands conceal only a glimpse of the townscape beneath. There are also greenhouses, nurseries and many gardens growing other varieties of plants in the Sandhill region and within Southern Pines. These valuable planting materials must be considered a predominant part of the use of land in the development process.

GOLF COURSES AND HORSE COUNTRY

The outstanding asset of the entire Southern Pines and Pinehurst Community of the Sandhills region of the Carolinas is the image of the area as a foremost golf and horse resort. Between the two villages there are the equivalent of a dozen full sized and championship golf courses. On a per capita basis this undoubtedly substantiates their combined claim as a golf capital of the world. In terms of the land use and green open spaces, two of the courses are located completely within the corporate limits of Southern Pines while one more is partially in the town and another immediately adjacent to the municipal line. Pinehurst alone has a cluster of five and the newest course is sited between the residential areas of Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Just beyond the airport is Whispering Pines with another golf course and one more under construction. The three